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Title: TECHNIQUES FOR SEARCHING FOR BEST MATCHES IN TABLES OF INFORMATION  
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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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Sir:

This is in response to the final Office Action dated May 13, 2005 for which a response was due on August 15, 2005 (August 13, 2005 fell on a Saturday). Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the Remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.